

March 11, 2019

Mr. Robert Hoffman  
AARP Vice President NE Region  
435 E. Henrietta Road  
Rochester, NY 14620

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

On behalf of the County of Alameda, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment and respectfully request membership to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

The County of Alameda recognizes the importance of encouraging and promoting age-friendly planning and policies to address changing demographics and to enhance independent living; and is committed to a process of continual improvement to support active and healthy aging and sustain economic and social vitality.

In 2017, the County of Alameda launched its Council for Age Friendly Communities, a public-private partnership aimed at bringing together a wide range of partners to work together to make our County more age friendly. Working closely with our Advisory Commission on Aging, our Council was created to bring focus and energy to this endeavor, which we believe will be strengthened by joining the WHO/AARP network.

We have developed a strong foundation to build upon in addressing the World Health Organization's eight domains that help influence the health and quality of life of older people. We look forward to joining this global network of communities committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives.

Thank you for your consideration of membership for the County of Alameda to the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Valle". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and "V".

Richard Valle  
President, Board of Supervisors